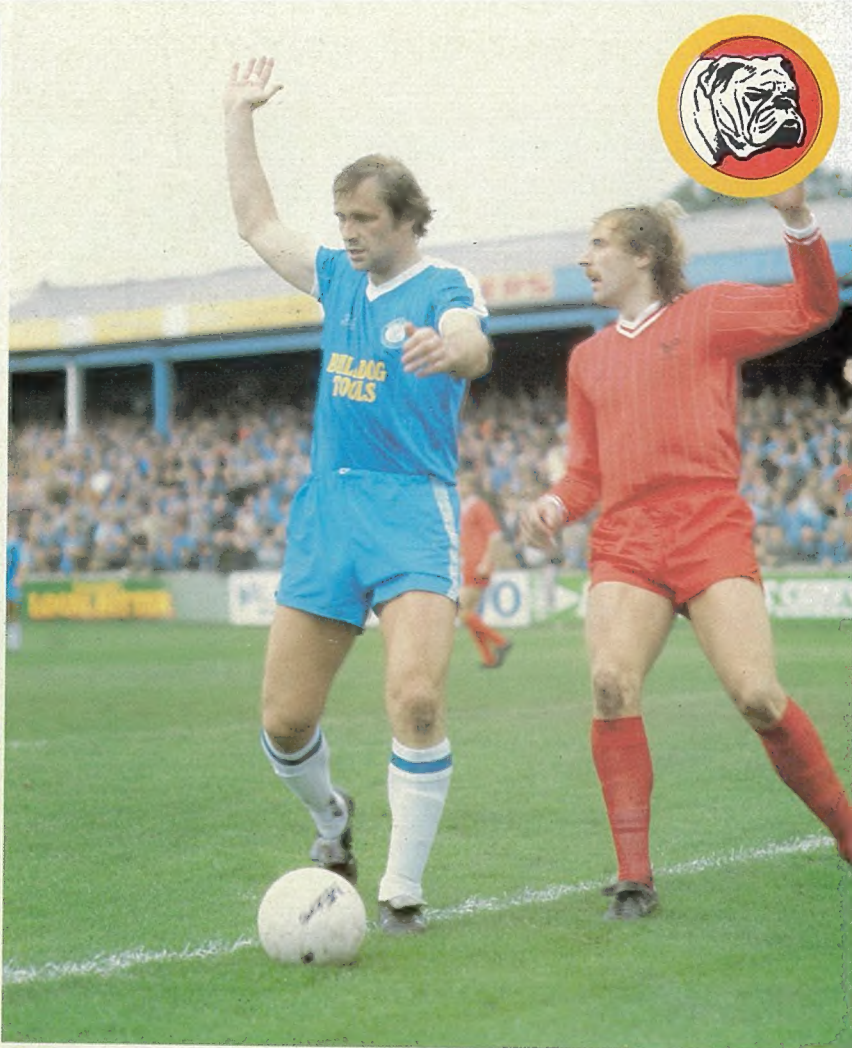


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GOOD afternoon and welcome to Springfield Park for what should be a fine game of football, with both ourselves and visitors Cardiff City after three important points.

As you may have read, I cannot be with you all today due to a longstanding commitment to cross the Atlantic to Mexico. You can be sure where my mind will be this afternoon and, as you leave, you may hear the office telephone and it will be me ringing for a report.

Although I am not at Wigan today, the important work has been done over the last couple of weeks. The players know what I expect of them, and it is what I would expect of any footballer, be he in the First Division or an amateur league, and that is application. Much of the effort since

stepped in as caretaker has been to get the lads to forget everything that has been happening at the Club off the field and to get them to do the job they are paid to do. That is simply to do their *best* for the people who pay to come and see them play. If they do that they will enjoy the game and that enjoyment will be communicated to the crowd, just as if their heads go down, the same happens to the spectators.

I have said in the press that we are too good to go down but we must be realistic and remember that plenty of good teams have got into the habit of losing and have paid the consequences. We have got the challenge of playing good sides in the run-in and anything less than our best will mean we'll be beaten. Games against good sides should not be seen, however, as worrying, but they are the ones every player should want to play in. That should be the motivation which spurs players on and I am trusting that our players will respond to the occasion in a positive way.

We must all realise that we could be relegated this season and if we are to ensure that we don't, I would ask everybody to pull together, players and supporters, and let us realise that we are all members of this club and we all need to play our part.

This is still a fine club, a fact which is proved by the numerous applications for trials we have received over the last few weeks. That is a healthy sign at any club and I will certainly be writing to all the applicants.

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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

WITH just five Saturdays left in the Football League programme there is still no real indication of who will figure in the honours — or otherwise at the end of it all.

Both promotion and relegation issues cover a multitude of clubs with six battling for the top three promotion spots and nine or ten struggling to get out of the relegation zone.

Newport currently head the table with 74 points from 40 games, but they are being tailed by Huddersfield, Portsmouth and Cardiff who are just two points behind, although Portsmouth have played a game less.

Six points behind that little bunch are Bristol Rovers and the early season pace-setters Lincoln and with three points for a win, they too must be confident of claiming one of those top three placings.

And at the other end of the table things are just as lively.

Chesterfield and Doncaster will have to perform minor miracles to pull clear of trouble. They have 36 and 37 points respectively while fourth from bottom

Orient are perched on 44 points from their 40 games.

But again, three points for a win can have a drastic bearing on placings and the relegation candidates will certainly come from two of Millwall, Preston, Orient, Exeter, Latics, Reading, Wrexham and Gillingham.

Already the bookies have made Doncaster and Chesterfield favourites for the drop at 2-1 on.

Preston and Orient are both 7-4 against going down, along with sixth from bottom Exeter. Reading, seventh from bottom, and one place below Latics, are quoted at 2-1.

Preston's gallant efforts to avoid relegation to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history, appeared to be reaping rewards in recent weeks, but they slipped badly at home to Southend last Friday night and could only manage a 1-1 draw.

The result of their game against Sheffield United at Deepdale on Tuesday isn't known but needless to say, anything less than a win would leave them in serious trouble.

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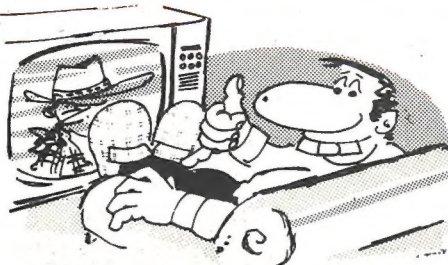
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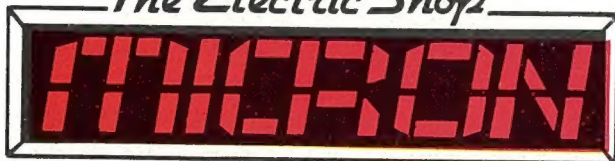


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Tuesday, 19th April, 1983.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

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Wednesday, 20th April, 1983

CHORLEY F.C. -v- HORWICH R.M.I.

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE JUNIOR CUP

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Saturday, 23rd April, 1983

OXFORD UNITED -v- WIGAN ATHLETIC

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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Saturday, 30th April, 1983

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- GILLINGHAM

Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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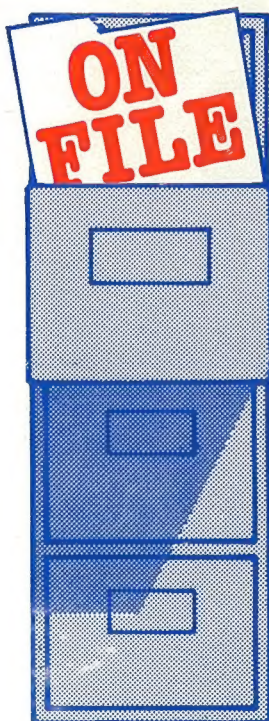
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ONE of the most interesting stories to come out of football recently concerns the rather dubious happenings at a recent Italian League match between Genoa and Inter-Milan.

It transpires that both clubs are in line for a U.E.F.A. Cup place next year and the state of play at half-time in their game was 2-2. Rumour has it that sharing the points appealed to both camps and during the interval, consultations resulted in an agreement to keep the scores level until ninety-minutes were up.

If any such pact were made, the Inter-Milan player, Guiseppe Bagni, seems to have forgotten about it. With the score at 2-2 with both sides giving the impression of a playing for time, Signor Bagni suddenly scored. But the usual somersaults and hugs and kisses were noticeably absent. Poor Guiseppe was not mobbed by his team-mates, and in fact he looked decidedly embarrassed by what he had done. The remaining five minutes featured furious Genoa pressure, but no equaliser, and afterwards their General Manager, Giorgio Vitali, exploded with rage. He called Inter lots of nasty names including "Traitors" (in Italian, of course) before being calmed down by his colleagues, who realised that at any moment, the press would start to ask questions. And ask they certainly did. What did he mean by "Traitors?" enquired one journalist. Vitali spluttered out some weak answer about betraying the spirit of the game by wasting time. Nobody was very impressed and the

Italian F.A. are now investigating.

In thanking Patrick Barclay of the Guardian newspaper for that story, I wonder how many of us see it as typical of the behaviour of foreigners and Latins to carry on in such an unsporting and calculating manner. It certainly would never happen in this country. Or would it? Indeed, something akin to it did happen in the 1976/77 Season when both Coventry and Bristol City were facing relegation and met in the last game of the season. The match was arranged to kick-off a quarter of an hour later than another one involving Sunderland who, like Coventry and Bristol, had 34 points as they entered their final game. With quarter of an hour remaining, the score in the match at Coventry was level when the news came through that Sunderland had lost and so a draw would keep Coventry and Bristol in the First Division. Mr. Jimmy Hill, a Coventry Director at the time, raced up to the public address box and announced to the crowd and the players that Sunderland had been beaten. As a result, the twenty-two players spent the remaining minutes of the match kicking the ball in any direction but goalwards. The final result was a draw and Mr. Hill had got away with it. Unlike the Italian case, the F.A. did not investigate the matter and whilst Bristol City eventually got their come-uppance, Coventry had remained in the First Division ever since. It's a pity Guiseppe Bagni didn't play for Bristol City.

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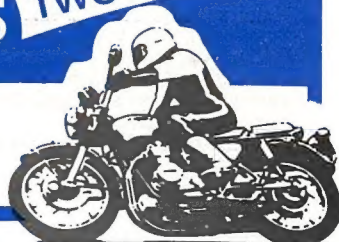
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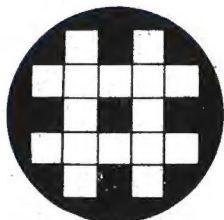
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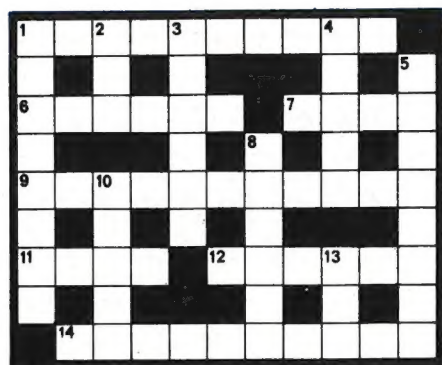


PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 24

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.
---Vue, Doncaster's domain; A deluge for defender Eddie?; Derek ---, old WBA/England; Puskas was "The Galloping ---"



CLUB CLUE No. 24

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a famous foreign club:

Some allegiance to the Poles.

MIXED DOUBLES No. 24

Re-order the letters in each of the words **STRANGE** and **RECIPE** to find the names of two men called Gary.

SOCCER NINETY-NINER No. 24

No. 24 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. What the old county of Edinburghshire was for a time renamed, that newer name is part of the name of a famous Edinburgh club (10)
6. Defender who joined Plymouth in 1980 after long spells with WBA and Hull (6)
7. Crystal Palace's away goals tally in the League last season (4)
9. He was Leicester's top scorer last season and forged ahead again this time (4, 7)
11. He joined Watford in 1980... a dozen years after his natural 'mate' Currie had left! (4)
12. The referee is the man in it (6)
14. Defender who completed his first century of League matches with Birmingham last season (4, 6).

DOWN

1. West Ham United have had four in the last fifty years (1932-82) (8)
2. One of the Bremner brothers (3)
3. Either of two men who appeared for Northern Ireland in last year's World Cup finals (6)
4. --- Jeffrey, former highly-rated Doncaster star (a potential England regular) who was ill-starred with a string of bad injuries (5)
5. The nickname of Huddersfield Town (8)
8. Validly placed (6)
10. Pedro ---, former star of Uruguay who appeared in three World Cup series, being captain by the third one (1970) (5)
13. McAllister, maybe (3)

QUICK QUIZ No. 24

1. What castle, port and unlucky number are linked by two clubs' respective record win and defeat?
2. Who uniquely captained England at soccer and cricket?
3. How many 1982 World Cup matches were played in Spain?
4. Here's the same word in different languages: absents, hors-jeu and impedimento — what do they all mean?
5. What Scottish clubs have names beginning with F?

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW

BY GEOFF KEMP

THE draw for the semi-finals of the Wigan Amateur League Laithwaite Shield has kept the two favourites apart.

Two Premier Division sides won through to the penultimate round of the League's open competition but they were separated in last week's draw. Wigan Youth, making their eighth successive semi-final appearance, will play the surprise package of the competition, Bryn Gates from the Third Division. They beat fellow promotion candidates Newburgh United in the quarter-final by two goals to nil.

The other semi-final features Heinz 57 from the Premier Division and Abram from the First. Heinz won through by beating Ashton Rangers 3-2 after twice being pegged back by their visitors. Abram beat Appley Bridge thanks to an early goal from Collier. The dates and venues of both semi-finals have yet to be announced.

One trophy which has already been decided is the Lancashire Football Association Youth Cup, which went to

Wigan Amateur League's Chorley Youth for the third year in a row.

In last Tuesday's final against fellow Amateur Leaguers Birchley Youth the Chorley side won a hard-fought game after extra-time. The score was 1-1 at the end of ninety minutes with an early Chorley goal from Bentley being countered by a late Birchley equaliser. Two goals in the first ten minutes of extra-time, from Pimblett and Bentley, finally sunk the brave Birchley team.

Another trophy now in the semi-final stage is the Amateur League's divisional cups, with the finalists in each category being decided in a series of matches this week.

On Monday the two Dean Cup semis for First Division sides take place, on Tuesday it is the turn of the Second Division in the Davenport Cup, and Wednesday sees those for both the Reporter Cup for the Third and the Hughes Cup for the Premier Division.

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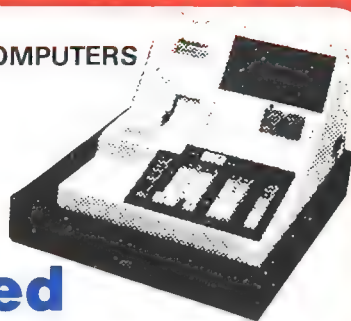
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THE LOOK SAYS IT ALL — Graham Barrow celebrates his goal against Wrexham. Photo by C.J. Higgins.

What the papers say...

THE MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

Unlucky 13 for Wigan

Sheffield United 2 - Wigan Athletic 0.

Wigan soaked up early pressure from Sheffield United then started to hit back. Sheffield 'keeper Waugh was tested by a long shot from Alex Cribbley then had to make a snappy save when David Lowe headed in from close range.

Wigan battled on but a couple of shots — from Weston and Lowe — flew too high. Then in the 13th minute Wigan were unlucky to concede a goal. A cross by Morris was headed away by Walsh but the ball struck Methven and fell into the path of Richardson who only had to tap past 'keeper Tunks.

Wigan almost equalised when Lowe was presented with a chance a few yards out. But his shot was kicked away by Waugh.

Lowe then tried an overhead kick, but this time the ball fell into Waugh's hands. Wigan forced a corner which was repulsed and Sheffield's Morris shot over the bar. Tunks also made a good interception, racing out of goal. United broke again with Brazil racing through but his shot was just wide. And just before the interval Houston headed against a post.

Substitute O'Keefe came on in place of Houghton, but it was United who went on to the attack. Within minutes, Trusson put the home side further ahead when he volleyed in a cross from Towner.

At the other end, O'Keefe got in a close-range shot but the ball was blocked.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

O'Keefe out of luck

Eamon O'Keefe led a Wigan revival at Bramall Lane which came close to snatching a point.

Wigan brought on O'Keefe at the start of the second half and he gave the home defence a lot

of trouble.

He was unlucky 10 minutes from the end when his snap shot from eight yards hit the underside of the bar and rebounded to be cleared.

Before that, Tony Kenworthy had blocked a drive from him and goalkeeper Keith Waugh had turned another shot over the bar.

Waugh twice saved from David Lowe, but United were just about worth their win. Their much-changed team, with top scorer Keith Edwards and several others dropped, showed spells of promise. But battling Wigan deserved to score.

Tony Towner and Steve Walsh were booked after a clash during a game that had included a gift goal.

Bobby Charlton's side had had most of the early play and were unlucky to fall behind in the 13th minute.

Walsh headed away a cross by Colin Morris, but the ball struck team-mate Colin Methven and went straight to the feet of Paul Richardson.

Back in the side for the first time since November, Richardson couldn't miss from a yard out.

The second goal was well taken. Richardson passed to Tony Towner, making his home debut on loan from Rotherham, and he crossed for Mike Trusson, unmarked in front of goal, to convert.

Wigan goalkeeper Roy Tunks was far busier after that.

In the first half he had been beaten by an effort from Gary Brazil which flashed inches wide and he dived to fingertip out a low drive from Paul Smith.

But in the second half he tipped over a free-kick from Kenworthy and Walsh cleared a header by Gary West off the line.

United had received a pre-match dressing down after their

WHAT YOU SAY...

F. Seddon, Wigan.

We were by far the better side. We played some good football and were unlucky on a couple of occasions. Both their goals were lucky and both were off side. You can tell what kind of match it was by the fact that their manager, Ian Porterfield, was booed off by his own fans.

J. Riley, Manchester

We were robbed. We played all the football, they got all the points. We played better than we have for ages.

midweek defeat at Doncaster, but it didn't have much effect.

THE SUNDAY MIRROR

Bobby's Shaker

United handed out a rather harsh two-goal knock-back to Bobby Charlton. Because despite the scoreline Wigan, and particularly sub Eamon O'Keefe, never really looked beaten at Bramall Lane.

O'Keefe's late flourish saw a hat-trick of near-misses due to bad luck and not a little skill by Blades 'keeper Keith Waugh.

Athletic's temporary boss commented briefly after the game: "I'm obviously disappointed. We've a bit of work to do. We had the chances, but they didn't go well".

"That's the way it goes", added Charlton, and it certainly was a lucky deflection that gave United their early lead.

Steve Walsh's clearance was stunned by Colin Methven and Paul Richardson snatched close range goal to put Sheffield ahead after seven minutes.

But what a yawn it was compared with the clash at Springfield Park, where United went down 3-2.

Mike Trusson broke the second-half nightmare with a neat 47th minute goal. Winger Tony Towner crossed and it was a simple job for Trusson to jab home. Teenager David Lowe looked set to drag Wigan back on terms in the second half but, despite a lightening close range turn with his back to goal and an on-target overhead kick, the youngster was foiled each time.

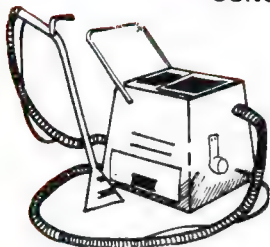
Last chance went to half-time sub O'Keefe, who rattled the crossbar from 10 yards only minutes after thumping a 15-yard shot over.

In the end, Wigan deserved at least a draw.

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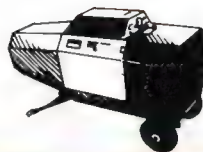
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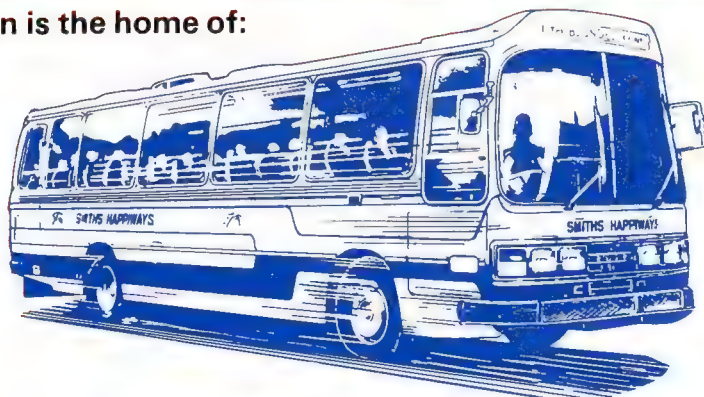
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CARDIFF City were formed in 1899, they turned professional and became a Limited Company in 1910, when they moved from their first home Fir Gardens to their present ground Ninian Park. Until 1910 the club was known as Riverside.

In 1926/27 season Cardiff City won the F.A. Cup and up to date this is the only occasion that the Cup has been won by a club from Wales or in fact, ever been outside England.

In 1923/24 season they were runners up in Division One and they have won the Welsh Cup on twenty occasions.

Swansea Town's present manager — John Toshack — gained them their record fee of £110,000 paid by Liverpool in November, 1970.

Ninian Park, their ground, is a short bus ride from Cardiff Central Station — has a crowd capacity of 43,000 and the pitch measurements being 114

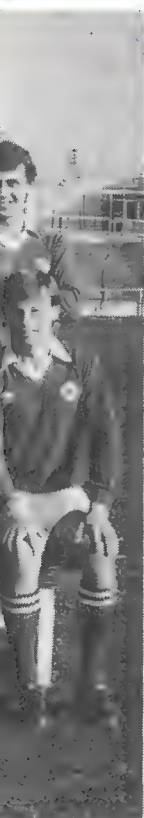
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GARY BENNETT (Defenders). Born Manchester. Height 6'1". Proved a bargain acquisition when released by Manchester City prior to the start of last season. Scored Cardiff's goal in the 1-2 Welsh Cup Final second Leg defeat against Swansea at the Vetch Field at the end of the last campaign. Shows great determination and enthusiasm and is a firm favourite at Ninian Park.

PAUL BODIN (Defender). Born Cardiff. Height 5'10". A classy left back formerly on the books of Chelsea and Newport County. Arrived from the Gwent club before the start of this season and has shown a maturity beyond his years in both attack and defence.

PHIL DWYER (Defender). Born Cardiff. Height 6'. Has played over 350 League games for the Bluebirds. Versatile enough to perform equally well at full back, the centre of defence, midfield or attack. A wholehearted competitor who has captained City on numerous occasions. Has won ten caps for Wales.

LINDEN JONES (Defender). Born New Tredegar. Height 5'6". Should pass a century of League appearances for City this season. Showed up well for the Welsh Under 21 team last term. Sure in the tackle and displays a pleasing willingness to attack on the flank.

JIMMY MULLEN (Defender) Height 5'10". Made well over 200 League appearances for Sheffield Wednesday, whom he skippered during Len Ashurst's time at Hillsborough. In 1980-81, captained Rotherham United to the Third Division Championship. At the end of last season, came to Ninian Park on loan, adding stability to the Bluebirds' back line. A bargain £10,000 signing from Rotherham during the past summer and appointed City's captain. A cool, authoritative figure at the centre of defence.

ROGER GIBBINS (Midfield) Born Enfield. Height 5'10½". Was on Tottenham Hotspur's books, before playing for Oxford United, Norwich City and New England Teamen. A former England Schoolboy International who made over 100 League appearances for Cambridge United, whence he came to Ninian Park during the summer. Can strike the ball well and has proved a useful acquisition.

CONSTANTINOUS ('TARKI') MICALLEF (Midfield). Born Cardiff. Height 5'5". Has made over 50 League appearances for his hometown club, netting several valuable goals. Of Greek parentage his father being a restaurant owner in Cardiff. Last season's Player of the Year at Ninian Park. Has already appeared for the Welsh Youth and Under-21 teams and if he can maintain the form of last season's campaign, will soon be pressing for full international honours.

DAVE BENNETT (Forward). Born Manchester. Height 5'10". Elder brother of defender Gary. Shone in Manchester City's two FA Cup Final classics against Tottenham in 1980-81. Made nearly 40 League appearances for the Main Road club, from whom he came to Ninian Park for a fee of some £130,000 early last season. Has the ability to gain an awesome goalscoring reputation. On his day, one of the most exciting players in the League.

PAUL GILES (Forward). Born Cardiff. Height 5'6". Can play wide on the right flank and scores useful goals. On loan to Exeter City at one stage last season. Welsh Under-21 International, younger brother of David of Crystal Palace and Wales.

JEFF HEMMERMAN (Forward) Born Hull. Height 5'11". Played for Hull City, Scunthorpe United (on loan) and Port Vale. Then made over 100 League appearances for Portsmouth, from whom he came to Ninian Park prior to the start of this season.

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The players night was a resounding success with everybody. The guests of honour, were of course, the players, with special guests including Wigan Athletic Chairman, Mr. Pye and Granada's Elton Welsby, who along with 200 children and almost as many Mums and Dads saw David Lowe win our Player of the Season award.

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TODAY'S MASCOT

Our mascot for today is Philip Winstanley. Philip attends Aspull High School and has many hobbies, including football, chess, rugby, tennis, badminton and snooker. His favourite player is Kevin Sheldon and Philip also plays in the Junior Latics Under-13's football team.

Have a nice day Philip.

John Fillingham, Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

Wednesday next, 20th April, sees Springfield Park as the venue for the Lancashire Junior Cup Final between arch-rivals, Chorley F.C. and Horwich R.M.I. Kick-off is at 7.30 p.m. and admission prices are Ground £1.10 (O.A.P's and Juveniles 60p.) Stand £1.30.

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Latics constant search for young talent is leading them to look at Junior Latics Under-13's goalkeeper Mike Aspinall. So far this season, young Mike has kept eighteen clean sheets out of a possible twenty-six. When a Latics scout watched him recently his report read "Don't know if he's any good or not. The defence in front of him is so good he never has anything to do!"

Both the Under-12's and Under-13's Junior Latics teams have now reached their respective Cup Finals. Watch out for laps of honour before the Preston game at the end of the season.

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Whilst today marks Cardiff City's first ever match against Wigan Athletic at Springfield Park, it is not the first time that they have appeared at this ground. We have discovered that the Welsh side played here in 1927 as F.A. Cup Winners against the then First Division Champions, Newcastle United. The fore-runner of the Charity Shield was indeed for charity, being in aid of the Whitehaven Colliery Disaster Fund and being organised by the National Union of Mineworkers. We know that Cardiff were captained at the time by Fred

Deelor but we do not know what the score was. Can anybody tell us?

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Two of Latics young players, Steve Walsh and David Glenn, are perilously close to reaching 31 penalty points for cautions received. If either picks up another caution for anything they will face an automatic two match suspension. Tread carefully, lads!

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Enquiries about the managers job at the Latics continue to pour in. Secretary Colin Burke told Springfield Scene, "The vacancy does not actually exist, but that hasn't stopped all kinds of people applying. For every one from famous names we have two from ordinary blokes who run kids sides or the like. But I'm just filing them all away, like I do with all letters I get asking if we have any vacancies in any department".

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The Latics Commercial Department are certainly coming up with some bright ideas. Their latest concerns the Star Draw in the lottery. The prize they've got in mind is a £250 pounds worth of meat from a butcher of your choice. We trust you don't have to take it all in one go. Rumour has it that they have also got plans for a fun-fair on the car-park in the summer.

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Another rumour concerns the recent spate of break-ins at the Latics. They look as if they may be over as a number of young men are "helping police with their enquiries", but nothing definite yet and the Latics office-staff touch wood as soon as anyone mentions it.

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Happy Birthday for the 13th April to Dave. From Chris, Gary and Suzanne at Douglas Avenue, Upholland, Nr. Wigan.

Birthday wishes to Philip Lowe for the 10th April. From all the staff at Springfield Park.

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Birthday wishes for the 26th April to Susan Gavigan, of Azalea Road, Blackburn. Love from Terry, Anne and John.

Birthday wishes to Susan for the 26th April. From Joe and Helen, Buckley Street, Wigan.

Welcome to Peter who for once will not be on the Kop shouting for Liverpool, but shouting for Wigan I hope! From Ian of Skelmersdale.

Congratulations Steve and Trish on the birth of Nicola Aimee. Best wishes, Chris, Jean and Jamie.

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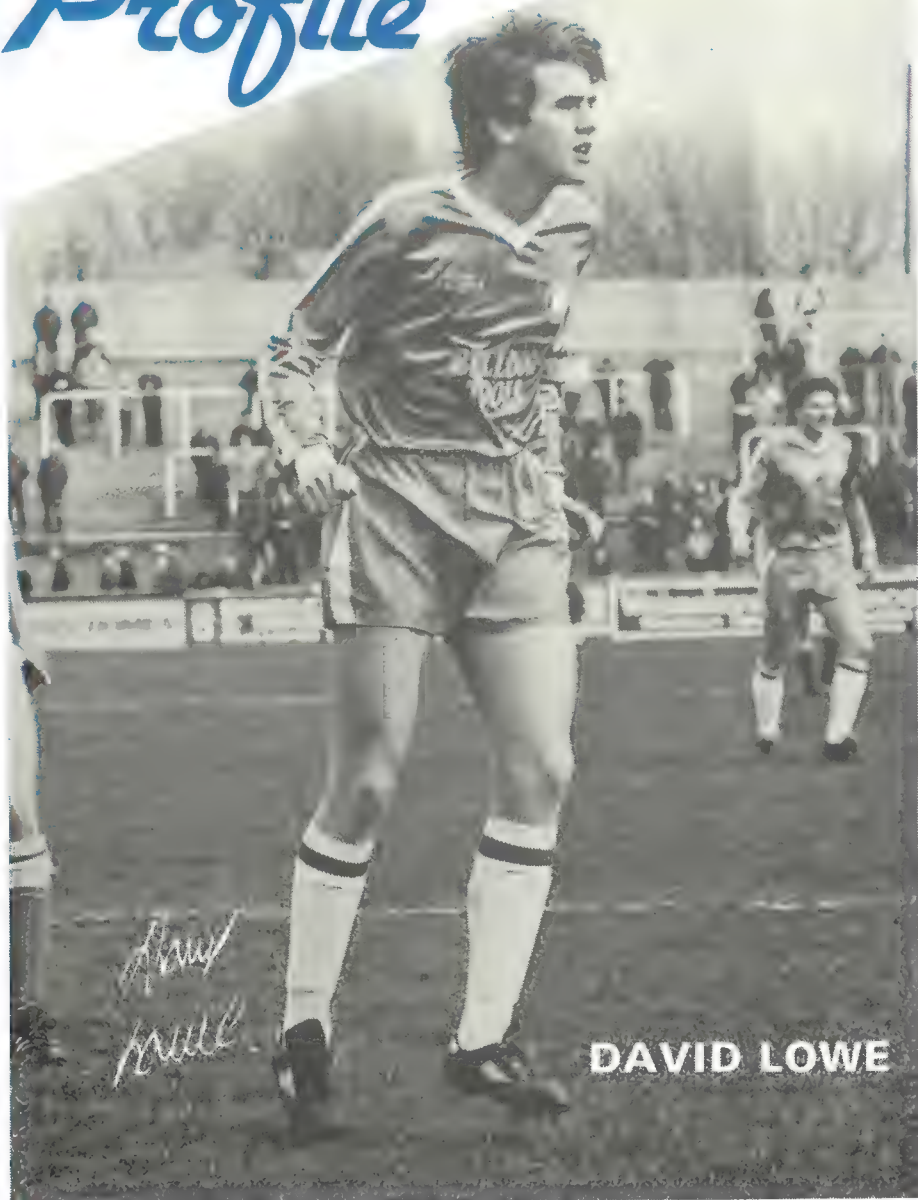
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Player Profile



David Lowe

DAVID LOWE

Central League



Rotherham United 1 Wigan Athletic 4 **Tuesday, 5th April, 1983**

This was surely the best game Latics Reserves have played all season with the 4-1 scoreline in no way flattering them. Despite being opposed by a strong Rotherham side, Wigan dominated the game showing guts, determination and plenty of skill. The talking point of the game will always be the Phil Williams' hat-trick who took his first two goals with the skill of a veteran and well deserved to be allowed to take the penalty to give him his hat-trick. With a mixture of maturity and youth, the Latics did themselves proud and with the youngsters playing so well, the future certainly looks bright.

The Team:

HATTON	McMAHON	GRAY	BRADD	ASPINALL
YOUNG		WILSON		WESTON
BUTLER		O'KEEFE		WILLIAMS
SUB: DEAKIN				

Wigan Athletic 3 Port Vale 1 **Wednesday, 13th April, 1983**

It has been stated before that the Central League in the past few years has been full of dull and boring games played by players who saw matches as elaborate training sessions with little commitment or interest shown by them. Thankfully this year, certainly in the new Second Division, that is no longer the case and this game against Port Vale was a tribute to all the players involved. An atrocious afternoon of rain prior to the kick-off kept the crowd to 150, but the players worked as if they were playing in front of 50,000.

The first half saw no goals but plenty of hard running and tackling with Phil Williams and John Butler both going close and Andy Gray in the Latics goal pulling off some brave saves. The second half saw Wigan's superior strength and fitness pay dividends with two goals coming from John Butler who had a fine game all round. Perhaps the goal of the match from Les Bradd who hit a terrific shot from outside the box that would have beaten any goalkeeper.

As always, the match ended with a great ovation from the crowd who were well satisfied that both sides had played their hearts out.

The Team:

HATTON	SCHOFIELD	GRAY	McMAHON	ASPINALL
WILSON		YOUNG		SHAW
BUTLER		BRADD		WILLIAMS
SUB: DEAKIN				

NEXT HOME FIXTURE

Tuesday, 26th April, 1983.

Wigan Athletic v. Middlesbrough

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. A very warm welcome to the players, officials, and supporters of Cardiff City A.F.C. to Springfield Park today. I'm sure we are in for a very interesting match with points very valuable to both teams.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The presentation for the Player of the Year will be held in the Supporters' Club on Thursday, 28th April. The vote was very close between three players, but that's all I'm going to say for now. You will have to wait for the 28th to find out the outcome.

Cabaret will be provided by the ever popular Harry Pemberton and the Jimmy Carol Band. Tickets are now on sale at £1.20. In the past the club has been bursting at the seams, so if you intend to come along please buy your ticket early to avoid disappointment.

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LANCASHIRE JUNIOR CUP FINAL

Don't forget next Wednesday, the Junior Cup Final, Chorley v. Horwich. The club will be open as usual. Come along and watch what should be a cracking cup-tie.

Enjoy today's game.

Call in for a pint after the match. Your team needs your support.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS + FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

²Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
*In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers†	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1 2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Wals
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Methven	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton†	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmell	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2 1 leg)	H	1-1†	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-9	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	0-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Methven	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd†	Methven	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Low†	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Low†	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	A	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Methven	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams†	Lowe
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Sheldon	Shaw	Bradd	Houghton	Weston	Williams
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H	3-2	5,015	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Butler	Shaw	Steel†	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 11	OXFORD UNITED	H	0-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Langley	Butler	Lowe†	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A	1-1	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H	1-3	4,564	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley†	Langley	Walsh	Methven	Glenn	Barrow	Butler	O'Keefe	Weston	Bradd

Comments from the Chair

The Chairman has invited Mr. Jack Farrimond to write this column today.
Good afternoon and a warm welcome to the Directors, players and supporters of Cardiff City for what is surely a vital match for both sides.

This Club at the moment is probably at one of its lowest positions financially in its history. During my fifty years here at Springfield Park I have seen many hard times but this is the worst. Last year the Directors went out on a limb to try and ensure promotion, believing that the Wigan public would respond to Third Division football in a big way. Unfortunately, for various reasons, this has not been the case, and we, along with most clubs in the League, are in dire straits. Various plans for recovery have been investigated and perhaps our biggest disappointment came when the local council turned down a deal which would have cost them nothing but would have secured our future. Their refusal was a body-blow to the club and we could not help but remember the enthusiasm they had shown when we had done the town proud by gaining promotion last year. I think that some of their members do not realise the gravity



of their refusal to help.

Not only is the club suffering financially, it is also in the unpleasant position of having to have removed Larry Lloyd's managerial responsibilities. When such things happen, it is very important that personalities are kept out of things and that people rally round to ensure that the club remains stable. It is now more vital than ever that our supporters and the people of Wigan stand by the club. It is easy to be loyal to a successful club — the real test of character comes when times are hard, as they most certainly are at the moment. I would ask you all in the weeks ahead to rally to the call and, in whatever way you can, help Wigan Athletic through.

Surely, after all the years we have struggled to gain admission to the Football League, we are not going to throw everything away after just five seasons.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Farrimond".

Jack Farrimond, Vice President.



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- 3 David Glenn
- 4 Graham Barrow
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Alex Cribley
- 9 David Lowe
- 10 Jimmy Weston
- 11 Peter Houghton
- 12 Eamon O'Keefe

TEAM CHECK

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. G. M. TYSON
(Sunderland)

Commenced refereeing in 1965 and graduated to the Football League List via the Wearside Combination, Wearside League and Northern League. Refereed Northern League Cup Final 1976/77 and was Senior Linesman at an Under-21 European Nations Cup match, and Scotland v. Peru International 1979. Also refereed a Football League Cup Semi-Final (1982).

A married man with two children, he is a Chief Building Services Officer. Likes gardening and squash, and is Chairman of the Sunderland Referees Society.

Linesmen:

(Red Flag)
Mr. L.A. Howgate
(Wallasey)

(Yellow Flag)
Mr. S.W. Mason
(Nelson)

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- 3 Jimmy Mullen
- 4 Phil Dwyer
- 5 Gary Bennett
- 6 Dave Bennett
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- 8 Bob Hatton
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